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<i>Invention:</i>	USE OF DISPERSANTS TO IMPROVE THE RETENTION OF FLUIDITY OF CONCRETE	}	<u>ELECTRONICALLY FILED ON:</u>
		}	<u>May 22, 2009</u>
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<i>Docket:</i>	38624-100578	}	
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NOTICE OF APPEAL

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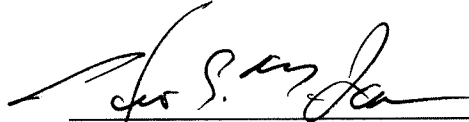
Sir:

The Examiner issued an Office Action, dated November 24, 2008, in the above-captioned application. In lieu of response, Applicants file herewith a Notice of Appeal. Applicants also request a three-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), extending the pendency of the above-captioned application until May 26, 2009, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.7(a), for the purpose of filing the Notice of Appeal. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee of \$1,110.00 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3) for a large entity for this extension, and the fee of \$540.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 41.20(b)(1) for filing the Notice of Appeal.

for a large entity. Applicants do not believe that any additional fees are required with this response; however, if any additional fees are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 10-0435, with reference to our Matter No. 38624-100578.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin L. McLaren", is written over a horizontal line.

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